

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A peripheral device control system is provided, which is capable of storing predetermined usage conditions of a peripheral device for every user or every operating mode without increasing the memory capacity of the peripheral device. In a multifunction printer, a user ID of a user who used the peripheral device, an operating mode of the multifunction printer, and the number of sheets discharged from the multifunction printer are stored as history information in a memory. According to a command of a history information acquisition job from a host computer, the history information is transmitted to the host computer. The host computer develops and manages the history information acquired from the multifunction printer as a paper discharge counter table for every operating mode. Thus, the peripheral device control system can store the usage conditions of the multifunction printer for every user or every operating mode without increasing the memory capacity of the multifunction printer and hence increasing the cost. It is therefore possible to finely calculate and manage the usage conditions to charge users.